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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Pierre CHARNEAU et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1648  
Application No.: 10/602,663 ) Examiner: L.W.Z. Humphrey  
Filed: June 25, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 8007  
For: USE OF TRIPLEX STRUCTURE )  
DNA IN TRANSFERRING )  
NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES )

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 12, 2009. A petition for a three month extension of time and requisite fee are being filed herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow amendments to the claims.

**Attachments:** **Exhibit 1, Maher III, Ph.D., James L., "Prospects for the Therapeutic Use of Antigene Oligonucleotides," *Cancer Investigation*, (1996), 14(1), 66-82;**

**Exhibit 2, Thuong, N.T. & Helene, C., "Sequence-Specific Recognition and Modification of Double-Helical DNA by Oligonucleotides," *Angew. Chem. Int. Ed. Engl.* (1993) 32:666-690; and**

**Appendix A.**